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KEP AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
2124N 10610E
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY AT KEP AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

KEP AIRFIELD IS LOCATED ONE NM SOUTHWEST OF KEP AND
THIRTY-FOUR NM NORTHEAST OF HA NOI.

3. BACKGROUND:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT KEP AIRFIELD WAS ORIGINALLY
BUILT BY THE JAPANESE DURING WORLD WAR II AND UNTIL
1965 HAD BEEN USED PRIMARILY BY LIGHT TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
AND SOME HELICOPTERS.

BEFORE IMPROVEMENT THE AIRFIELD CONSISTED OF A
4,100 X 90 FT. NE/SW RUNWAY WITH FOURTEEN AIRCRAFT
REVTMENTS, SIX WAREHOUSES, SEVEN SUPPORT BUILDINGS,
AND A WEATHER STATION.

ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF LATE APRIL 1965 INITIAL CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY WAS NOTED AT THE AIRFIELD. CONTINUING PHOTO-
GRAPHIC COVERAGE DURING THE REMAINDER OF 1965 AND 1966

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REVEALED THE HARD-SURFACING OF THE RUNWAY, AND THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION OF A PARALLEL TAXIWAY AND A TAXIWAY EXTENDING FROM THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY. EXISTING AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS WERE IMPROVED AND NEW AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS WERE CONSTRUCTED. IN SEPTEMBER 1965, WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE 5,975 X 155 FT. CONCRETE RUNWAY, EIGHT FAGOT/FRESCO WERE OBSERVED AT KEP, CONFIRMING THE AIRFIELD FOR JET USEAGE.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS NEW
CONSTRUCTION ON THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY EXTENDING FROM THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON ON THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY TO THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2,100 FT. NW/SE GRADED EARTH TAXIWAY AT THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE FIELD. THERE ARE TWELVE LARGE COMPLETED AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS AT THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY AS WELL AS FOUR TEMPORARY AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS ON AN ALERT APRON. AT THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY THERE ARE SIX LARGE COMPLETED AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS AND FIVE REVETMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THREE REVETTED STORAGE AREAS ARE OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY.

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TWO FAGOT/FRESCO AND TWO CAB ARE OBSERVED.

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